NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE 2004 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

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The Southern California Association of Governments has prepared a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the 2004 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), SCH# 2003061075, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act. The 2004 RTP is a long-range regional transportation plan that provides a blueprint to help achieve a coordinated and balanced regional transportation system in the SCAG region, which is comprised of six counties: Imperial, Orange, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura. Implementation of the 2004 RTP would be expected to result in significant impacts to: Land Use; Population, Employment, and Housing; Transportation; Air Quality; Noise; Visual/Aesthetic Resources; Biological Resources; Cultural Resources; Geology; Hazardous Materials; Energy; Water Resources; and Public Service and Utilities.

The Draft PEIR is available on SCAG's website at http://www.scag.ca.gov/peir/. Hard copies are available for review at SCAG's office in downtown Los Angeles (at the address above) and at major public libraries in the region (see http://www.scag.ca.gov/peir/library.htm for specific locations). The review period for the Draft 2004 RTP PEIR begins on December 19, 2003. SCAG will be convening a joint RTP/PEIR public hearing on January 15th at 10:00 a.m. at SCAG's office in downtown Los Angeles. Oral comments will be accepted at the public hearing, and written comments will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on February 9, 2004.

Please direct written comments to Nancy Pfeffer at pfeffer@scag.ca.gov or at the address shown above or visit our website at http://www.scag.ca.gov. Please include a return address and the name of a contact person in your agency, if appropriate.